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Up-and-Coming

Monday, Oct. 15, 12 Noon—Cocktails at 12:30 Luncheon—Panel of Political Pollsters and news analysts will focus on the next election at this luncheon. The panel will include leading surveyer Burns Roper, CBS's political polling expert Kathy Frankovic and other public opinion observers.

Wednesday, October 24, 6 P.M. & 8:30 P.M.—Private screening of Columbia Pictures "The Razor's Edge." Columbia screening room at 711 Fifth Avenue. Limited to 60 persons per showing. For reservations Call: Hester Hensell at (212) 867-9538.

Friday October 26, 5:30 P.M.—Twilight Jazz. Jazz Giants salute to Fletcher Henderson. Admission \$5.00. Cash Bar. Open To All

Luncheons: Members 17 Guests 25 5:30 programs, members, no charge, guests \$4. Cash bar at all functions. Reservations required for all functions. Cancellations must be received 48 hours in advance of function where food is served, otherwise member will be charged the announced fee. For Reservations Call MARY NOVICK, 212-679-9650.

Overseas Jazz Club At OPC Oct. 26

The Overseas Jazz Club launches its 15th year of twilight sessions, Friday, October 26, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a salute to Fletcher Henderson, a hallmark in the annals of jazz, featuring veterans of Henderson's bands, Doc Cheatham, Dick Vance on trumpets; Eddie Barefield on saxophone together with Al Hall, bass; Jackie Williams, drums; Jane Jarvis, piano; Warren Chiasson; vibraphone. Admission is \$5.00, open to all, with seating on a first-come basis.

Henderson's impact on the American jazz scene was unique as an arranger, composer, band leader, pianist. He is credited as being among the first of big bands to acquire a wide reputation playing authentic, innovative jazz. Throughout the years he was beloved by musicians for his genius and as a gentle man who made memorable contributions to jazz.

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Gotta Bet On Who's Our Next President? Expert Pollsters Will Tell Us On Oct. 15

Who's going to win in November? Do Mondale-Ferraro have a chance? What's America's mood this election year? Pride and patriotism? Fear and compassion?

These are just some of the questions that will be addressed at the OPC at a "Third Monday" luncheon this month as a panel of leading political pollsters and analysts looks into the crystal ball.

Burns Roper, one of the country's leading political pulse takers, will head the panel, comprised of top analysts and commentators with inside information on the upcoming election.

They include CBS News' Director of Surveys, Kathy Frankovic, one of the most respected polling specialists in the field. Ms. Frankovic is responsible for the questionnaires and analysis of the CBS/New York Times public opinion polls.

Burns W. Roper, chairman of the board of the Roper Organization, has been engaged in marketing research since 1946. He has directed political surveys for candidates of both major parties and for the Public Broadcasting System. He was the only pollster to make a correct prediction on the outcome of the 1976 presidential election, based on a poll conducted by his firm for the MacNeil/Lehrer Report.

He and one of his partners developed and are responsible for the implementation of Roper Reports. A ten-times-a-year public opinion research service subscribed to by approximately 35 leading business, governmental and other organizations. Roper Reports regularly explores public attitudes on a whole host of political, social and economic issues on a trend measurement basis.

The Oct. 15 luncheon will kick off at noon in the Bogart Room. Make your reservations now. Contact Mary Novick at 679-9650.



Ruth Gruber's Book Scores With Story Of WW2 Refugees

OPC'er Ruth Gruber was featured in an AP story and photo with New York Gov. Mario Cuomo for two accomplishments. Her book "Haven: The Unknown Story of 1,000 World War II Refugees" has just been published by New American Library (NAL), and a reunion of over 200 of the original 1,000 met with her in New York to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the group's arrival on these shores.

Gruber's story is indeed unique. After the liberation of Italy, FDR agreed to accept a thousand Jewish refugees from Germany in addition to the already full quotas. Gruber was invited by the president and Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes to escort them to America as special "guests" of Roosevelt.

Quoting AP, "She recalled that as the ship passed the Statue of Liberty on Aug. 3, 1944, a rabbi aboard knelt down and kissed the iron deck before leading the group in the Jewish prayer of survival . . . It was the only such ship granted safe haven in the United States during World War II."

The group traveled on to a refugee camp at an army barracks upstate where they waited 18 months for American Citizenship. They then scattered throughout the country.

Now four decades later, Gruber spearheaded the reunion which grew out of her search for members of the group to interview for her book. The meeting was held at the Public Theatre which was the site of the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society where the lucky 1,000 found haven upon arrival.

Gov. Cuomo welcomed the group and commented, "A dream was nurtured here in this building. Jews were given hope, a reason to believe that there was a future, that lives could be started anew."

August 5th, AP carried a story across the country of Ruth Gruber's book HAVEN: THE UNKNOWN STORY OF 1,000 WORLD WAR II REFUGEES (New American Library) as over 200 of the original 1,000 came to New York to celebrate the 40th anniversary of their arrival in New York Harbor. Gruber had been sent to Italy in the middle of the war as the representative of FDR and Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes, to bring them to America as special "guests" of President Roosevelt. The book and story of the reunion, at which Governor Mario Cuomo spoke, were also featured in the New York Times, radio and TV.

Sigma Delta Chi Publishes Legal Guide For Reporters

There is a new tool to help writers facing recalcitrant officials who refuse to give out public information. It is a pocket-size "Reporter's Legal Guide" published by the Washington, DC Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists/Sigma Delta Chi (SPJ/SDX).

The 36-page booklet is designed as an instant reference for reporters and freelance writers in the field who need to know their rights to access to news and information. The Guide helps reporters understand and cite the rules governing access to public records and public places.

Chapters cover the Media's Right to Access to Public Institutions; Denials of Press Credentials or Access to Public Events; Government Interference With the News Process; What to Do—and Not to Do—When a Courtroom is Closed; What to Do in Case of a Gag Order or Prior Restraint; The Federal (and District of Columbia) Freedom of Information Acts; Special Obligations of the Broadcast Media, and related subjects.

Copies are available by mail for \$2.50 each from:

SPJ/SDX
P.O. Box 19555
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Thurston Macauley Signs To Write Book About Dogs

Thurston Macauley has signed with the British publisher Blandford Press for publication of "The Great Dog Omnibus." It will be illustrated by his granddaughter Juliette Macauley, daughter of Ian Macauley who is culture editor of *The New York Times* for which Thurston previously worked in New York and London.

This will be Thurston's fourth book. The others are "The Great Horse Omnibus" with foreword by the late Bing Crosby, "The Festive Board," and "Donn Byrne, Bard of Armagh," bio of the Irish writer.

Thurston's other son, *Theodore* of *L'Express* in Paris, flew to Manhattan to interview Mayor Koch for the magazine's New York supplement. The third OPC'er, Thurston's wife *Doris*, is recuperating from an operation at 16 Plane Tree Way, Woodstock, Oxford OX7 1PG, England.

New Photo Exhibit Set For October

One of the pleasures of visiting OPC headquarters in New York is enjoying the series of photographic exhibits in the lobby. A very special one is set for October by Joe Viestri.

He has combined photography, his profession, with his love of travel, his fascination with other cultures, and his desire to focus on positive and colorful images of man.

The result is an ever-expanding portfolio of celebrations the world over. In eight years, Viestri has documented more than 80 festivals, and anticipates that he will one day have photographed at least one celebration for every country on earth.

Based in New York, Viestri has worked for such clients as American Express, National Geographic Society and Ford Foundation. His work has appeared in major publications both here and abroad, including *Geo*, *Stern*, and *Pacific* magazines. The 1984 UNICEF calendar featured Viestri's Celebrations photos for each of the 52 weeks, marking the first time one individual's work was used exclusively.

Flora Schreiber On Panel About Child Molestation

Child sexual molestation has captured the headlines in the past year or so from coast to coast. Last spring it was a nursery school in California, this fall a nursery school in New York.

This old problem which has come out of the closet only recently is the subject of a two-day program titled "Child Sexual Assault—Victims and Offenders" on October 11-12 at Holiday Inn-Portsmouth Waterfront in Portsmouth, VA. OPC member *Flora Rheta Schreiber* is one of the four panelists with Ann Burgess, William Modzeleski and Kenneth Lanning. This is planned as an advanced program for professionals in health, social services, education and law enforcement. Fee is \$35.

For information, contact Office of Continuing Education, SSHP, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23508, 804-440-4256.

Letters

Like Frank Jay ("Report from Munich," July Bulletin), "I'd flown for us" (XXth Airforce, CBI). Like Frank, I've been a newspaperman (1946-1955, The New York Times, five of those nine years in Europe). Unlike Frank, my "buddies" in the Airforce and as photo-journalist were the British, the French and (at least until the Berlin Blockade) the Soviets.

I don't know Frank Jay, what he writes for or about. I don't know Georg and Gretel of the *Presse Club München* who might qualify as "among the friendliest and most hospitable . . . people in Europe" — though Frank's description of Gretel as "the charming, grey-eyed, kind, competent secretary of the club" reminded me of that lovely old Swiss borderguard lady in one of the James Bond movies, letting go with her machine gun.

Whoever Frank & Jayne and Georg & Gretel may be, Jay's joy of being "buddies now, right?" is the likely result of too many *Prosits*—"The longer we stayed the better the wine became" — of too much *Gemütlichkeit* — "Georg and Gretel were such great company" — or of too little remembrance of the past.

After their visit to the Press Club "dead center in the middle of the action," Frank & Jayne should visit certain near-by surroundings which are not quite so lively and active. Such a search might lead to sober second "Reports from Munich."

Henry Ries

We Mourn:

Stanley M. Suchecki

Stanley M. Suchecki, who was a member of OPC, passed away on August 4, 1984. At the time of his death, he was Senior Editor and Associate Publisher of *Textile Industries* magazine of the W.R.C. Smith Publishing Co. He is survived by his wife, Jewel, and two sons, Peter and Karl.

Eileen Lardner Riordan

Brief news was received of the death on May 9th of *Eileen Lardner Riordan* of Pensacola, Florida. She suffered from Cancer which led to her demise at the Baptist Hospital in her home city.

New Applications

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Max Gendel writes that the Israel Foreign Press Association recently held an election with conclusive results. Peter Allen-Frost is the new head. Ruth Rembaum. German Press Agency, with a nod to the feminists, Vice Chairman. Nick Tatro is Secretary and Shabtai Tal, Stern Magazine, treasurer. The new administration has upgraded its office in Beth Sokolov, with the latest office gadgets and a rug. Peter Allen-Frost arranged with the Israel Defense Force for a tour of its Jordan River line. Cameras were not permitted. Peter is also trying to work out reciprocal arrangements with the Egyptian Foreign Press in Cairo.

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CHANGE OF STATUS

Walter Froehlich.
From: Associate Non-Resident
To: ACTIVE NON-RESIDENT



Jazz Club

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The musicians paying tribute at the OPC jazz session are the foremost in jazz, each with exceptional credentials known here and abroad.

Wilma Dobie serves as jazz chairman with co-chairman *Jerry Bissell*.



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Dalai Lama Speaks At OPC

By Kenneth A. Briggs

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The Dalai Lama, on his first full day of United States tour, said yesterday that he hoped his visit would encourage greater study of the human mind and spur efforts to bring the teachings of Eastern philosophy together with the findings of Western science.

Speaking at a news conference at the Overseas Press Club in Manhattan, the religious and political leader of millions of Tibetan Buddhists said he thought that there was too little contact among world leaders. He also posed the possibility of making a visit to Tibet next year and commented on the relationship between religion and politics.

The 49-year-old successor to one of the world's most venerated spiritual leadership positions was relaxed and thoughtful during a 45-minute exchange with reporters, only occasionally needing help from an aide to find the right English expression. On this, his fourth visit to the United States, he has scheduled 44 days of meetings with religious leaders, scientists and cultural groups.

One of the central purposes of the tour; he said, is to promote more inquiry into human consciousness in a Western setting that has been more concerned with physical realities.

"Science in the field of matter is highly developed," the Dalai Lama said. "Regarding knowledge of human consciousness, science is at a very preliminary, beginning stage. I think a lot of discussion of experiments on the relation between matter and consciousness could take place."

With a quick smile, he added, "Eastern philosophy and Western science could be a good marriage, without a divorce."

Since 1959, when an uprising against the Chinese Communist Government in Tibet failed, the Dalai Lama has lived in exile in India along with tens of thousands of his followers. Enconed in a mountain village, he has been a keen observer of international politics.

Asked if he worried about possible nuclear destruction, he said he preferred to be "optimistic" because "if you feel discouraged, that can be a source of failure."

"You try your best with hope and courage," he said.

Tensions among the powerful nations could be reduced with increased contacts among their leaders, he said, something "presently lacking."

Noting that a delegation of his representatives had postponed a diplomatic visit to Peking because one delegate had fallen ill,

the Dalai Lama said he hoped that the trip would be made in late October. He said he might pay a short visit to Tibet next year.

He has called for a plebiscite to determine whether Tibetans favor the continuing rule of the Peking Government. He said his main concern was that his people feel "happy and satisfied."

"In Tibet," he continued, referring to the Communist Government, "the so-called liberator completely destroyed the old system, yet completely failed to introduce a new meaningful way of life. That is its greatest failure."

But he encouraged "more dialogue between Buddhism and Marxism," asserting that the two perspectives could co-exist through large areas of Asia. He said he wanted to see "with my own eyes" the situation in his homeland.

A Dual Role

In his dual role as temporal and spiritual head of Tibetan Buddhists, he is the embodiment of religion and politics, a topic that has received much discussion in the vastly different context of the American Presidential campaign. Questioned on the relation between the two, the Dalai Lama said they were closely tied.

"Selfish motives" produce "dirty politics," but "good motives" supplied by religion can bring good political results, he said.

On abortion, the Dalai Lama said Buddhism generally believed it was wrong because it involved killing but was permissible under certain circumstances, including the probability of a deformed child, parents facing "terrible problems" and the threat of over-population.

After the news conference, the Dalai Lama left for Washington, where, among other things, he will have breakfast Thursday morning with the House Committee on Foreign Affairs and lunch with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Eagleburger Speaks At OPC

On the eve of a meeting between President Reagan and the Soviet's Gromyko, members of the OPC learn that the Russians are in deep trouble, that they have no orderly decision power except their intention to maintain a dialogue with the West through the U.S.

We learn this from Lawrence Eagleburger in his first address as a civilian after a long and distinguished career in our State Department. He is now an associate of Henry Kissinger, operating in the private sector. He was the first speaker in the club's new First Monday program of distinguished speakers.

Moscow, Eagleburger said, has problems in Central America and seems not to know how to deal with them. But our own Congress, he said, is ambivalent about Central America. Salvador is a dangerous problem, he said.

The U.S., he said, should not be involved in the Middle East. About Israel, he wondered whether the coalition government can last.

In Southern Africa, he said, the U.S. is helping to change attitudes and is close to solving their problem.

Major changes are taking place in thinking in the Third World, he said. The Soviet model, the idea seems to be spreading, does not work. What then? Perhaps a government more open to the individual.

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you will be, too!*

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